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**From:** Donny Hicks <Donny@hughsonnut.com>  
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**To:** LSJR-SD-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov; WQCP1Comments  
**Subject:** Water plan

I am a farmer in Hughson and am very troubled by the water board's decision to increase unimpaired flows of Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus rivers. I am also an avid sportsman so I'm am concerned about our fish and also our waterfowl. The water that the board wants to increase for the fish would be to the detriment of the waterfowl. The Aleutian Cackling Goose to be more specific. This goose depends on the crops grown along the east side of the San Joaquin river. These crops are flood irrigated by the three rivers. The Aleutian goose was at one time listed as an endangered species but with the help of local farmers along the river this goose has made an almost unheard of comeback. They are now delisted and thriving. We need to have balance. Our local irrigation districts are working to restore fish habitat along our rivers so that the fish can thrive as well. The answer is not more water down the river. We live in much different world than we did a 150 years ago. If we want to go back to that time we need to remove all dams, restore the Delta, and restore the Bay by removing all the landfill. That means removing a good portion of San Francisco. Please consider my concerns as you make your final decision.

Thank you, Donny  
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